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AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT**Please amend the Abstract as follows:**

~~Reactor~~ A reactor for carrying out endothermic catalytic reactions consisting of a metallic ingot and ~~comprising~~ including at least one tubular reaction passage extending through the ingot and being adapted to hold a catalyst for endothermic conversion of a feedstock[[:]], inlet passages for introduction of the feedstock into the reaction passage and outlet passages for withdrawing reacted feedstock, the inlet and outlet passages being provided within the ingot[[:]], and an electrical heater ~~heating means for heating which heats~~ the ingot and the reaction passage to supply heat for the catalytic endothermic conversion of the feedstock.